

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are proud to recognize milestone events in
4 the lives of the citizens of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Many members of St. Michael Parish and numerous
6 well-wishers from around the area will celebrate the 80th
7 birthday of Father Leo J. Lyons on August 17, 2002, with a
8 mass and reception at St. Michael Catholic Church in Orland
9 Park, Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, Father Leo J. Lyons was born on August 31, 1922,
11 the son of Alice and John Lyons; and

12 WHEREAS, Father Leo J. Lyons was ordained a Roman
13 Catholic priest in 1948; and

14 WHEREAS, Father Leo J. Lyons spent 28 years in the United
15 States Air Force, having attained the rank of Colonel; and

16 WHEREAS, For many years, Father Leo J. Lyons has served
17 as the chaplain of the Reber-Tesmond V.F.W. Post #2604, the
18 chaplain at Brother Rice High School in Chicago, the chaplain
19 of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, and the chaplain of the
20 Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Knights of Columbus Council #10585;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Father Leo J. Lyons is known as the "Birthday
23 and Anniversary Priest" because of his invitations to the
24 congregation to announce upcoming birthdays and
25 anniversaries, and he regularly offers special prayers for
26 police, fire, and military personnel, including those missing
27 in action; and

28 WHEREAS, Father Leo J. Lyons deserves special recognition
29 for his lifelong devotion to his God and to his country;
30 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we offer our sincere best wishes to Father Leo J. Lyons on
4 this happy occasion and that we wish him continued health and
5 happiness for many years to come; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Father Leo J. Lyons as an expression of our
8 esteem.